

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title on page 1, lines 1-3 with the following replacement title:

-- ELASTOMERIC EXPANSION JOINT WITH A WIRING SUPPORT --

Please replace the abstract on page 19, lines 8-16 with the following replacement abstract:

-- Provided are elastomeric expansion joints for coupling tubes and, particularly, elastomeric expansion joint used for absorbing axial, lateral, angular movements and vibrations to which the tubes are subjected, or when these tubes are coupled to pieces of equipment that operate under varied conditions of temperature and pressure and that result in movement of the tubing. The elastomeric expansion joint includes first and second end portions, a moveable central region, and first and second intersection portions that are respectively defined between each of the end portions and the central region. The intersection portions and the end portions define a reinforcement section. At least one wiring support member is positioned between the first and the second substrates, and the wiring support member is positioned in the reinforcement section ~~is provided with wiring support members, which and supports wirings. The wiring support member and that reinforces~~ the elastomeric expansion joint, so that the elastomeric expansion joint can stand higher pressures. A method of manufacturing the elastomeric expansion joint is also provided. --

Please replace the section titled "Brief Description of the Drawings" on page 5, lines 18-26 with the following replacement section:

-- The present invention will now be described in greater detail with reference to an embodiment represented in the drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of the elastomeric expansion joint of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view detailing the profiles (e.g., wiring support members) positioned on the elastomeric expansion joint of the present invention; ~~and~~

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of the profile of the present invention; and

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view detailing the profiles according to another embodiment.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 10-14 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The reinforcement profiles **15**, in turn, comprise a first reinforcement profile **7** (Figure 4) and a second reinforcement profile **9** (Figure 2), which extend along a perimeter of (e.g., extend around the central axis of) the tubular section **1'** and respectively support first and second reinforcement wirings **8, 8'** along their lengths. --